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RULE 116 AMENDMENT  
RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION

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In re Application of:	Fulvio (nmi) Arecco, et al.
Serial No.:	09/608,657
Filing Date:	June 30, 2000
Group Art Unit:	2633
Examiner:	David S. Kim
Title:	AUTOPROTECTED OPTICAL COMMUNICATION RING NETWORK

**MAIL STOP AF**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S ACTION

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 17, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the claims in view of the following amendments and comments as set forth below. Please amend the Application as follows.